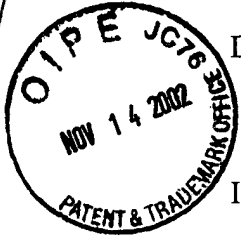


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Tomohiro ISHIHARA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/763,025

Group Art Unit: 1731

Filed: February 16, 2001

Examiner: J. Hoffman

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING GLASS ARTICLE AND GLASS BASE
MATERIAL FOR OPTICAL FIBER

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the Office Action dated October 21, 2002, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, requiring election of one of the following:

Group I. Claims 1 through 7, directed to a method; or

Group II. Claim 8 directed to a fiber preform.

In response, Applicants elect to prosecute method claims 1 through 7 (Group I).
Favorable consideration of method claims 1 through 7 is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this

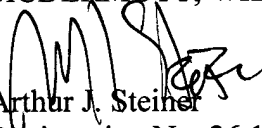
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